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CONTROLLER AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING LINEAR CONTROL

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated August 11, 2004 regarding the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims appear on pages 2-4 of this paper.

Remarks in support of the patentability of the claims begin on page 5 of this paper.

A **Petition for Extension of Time to Respond**, with provision for the required fee, is included herewith to extend the time for response three months to and including February 11, 2005.

No fees are believed to be due for this submission. Please charge any required fees to Winston & Strawn LLP Deposit Account No. 50-1814.